

Applicant: Wylie Chase
Serial No.: 10/766,076
Reply to Office Action dated: July 7, 2005
Response Dated: October 3, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the time taken by Examiner to interview this case on August 17, 2005. Applicant submits the present amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 6 and 10-20 are cancelled by way of this amendment. Claims 1-5 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 4,548,150 to Drewett in view of U.S. 6,406,221 to Collier. Based on the substance of the August 17, 2005 interview with Examiner, claim 1 has been amended to further define the exterior wall of the impact absorption member. Applicant believes claim 1 defines subject matter patentable over Drewett in view of Collier. As such, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection and further solicits allowance of claim 1. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of claims 2-5 and 7-9 on the basis of dependency from allowable base claim 1.

Applicant has amended the claims for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance. Support for the claim amendments is found in the specification as amended herein. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the instant application patentably define Applicant's invention over the prior art references of record and are, therefore, allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the above rejections and advancement of the present case to issue is requested. If the Examiner finds to the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the telephone number given below to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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